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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 7, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC000307

For Exemption from Physical  
Collocation at its Bethia  
Central Office

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On November 13, 2000, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Bethia central office. In its Application, Verizon Virginia states that the information provided to support its request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's Rules Governing Physical Collocation Exemptions, 20 VAC 5-400-200.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered this request, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on Verizon Virginia's request; that the Commission's Staff should investigate the request for exemption and file a report; and that Verizon Virginia should

have an opportunity to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before January 5, 2001, interested parties may file comments in response to Verizon Virginia's exemption request for its Bethia central office.

(2) The Commission Staff shall investigate Verizon Virginia's exemption request and file a report on or before January 19, 2001.

(3) Verizon Virginia is granted leave to file its response to all comments and Staff's Report on or before February 2, 2001.

(4) Verizon Virginia shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.